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Babyland IV Underway!

Babyland IV, Parent-Child Center Extension opened on February 22, 1989 with four beautiful children. The staff, Sister Mary Lou Madden, Sister Suzanne Janis, Grace Bowman, Joyce Gibbs, Myrium Hernandez, and Beth Westerfelt welcomed the children and their parents. The children, ranging in age from 14 months to 2½ years, enjoyed exploring the new day care center, and the toys, donated by many generous people, added to the delight in the children's eyes.

In the toddler room, a Walt Disney mural was painted by the Junior League of Montclair-Newark's provisional class. Sesame Street characters on the walls of the examining room comfort the children when they are seen by the nurse. The infant room is decorated with teddy bears which add to the warm environment.

Some of the visitors that day were Dennis Coughlin, the Regional Program Director for Head Start and

Carolyn Woodard, the Regional Administrator for Head Start who came to see the new Head Start Program.

On Thursday, February 23, 1989 Fred Hillman, the Director of Public Relations for Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Marilyn Penny Jones from Mutual Benefit came to the Center to donate money collected from the employees. This money will be used for the purchase of toys.

Volunteers have come from different parishes, and from Seton Hall and Rutgers Campus Ministry, as well as individuals who learned about the Center from the newspaper.

The volunteers come for a few hours each day and assist the staff in caring for the children, as well as handling other chores that need to be done in the Center. We are most grateful for their assistance.

The staff looks forward to working with the children and their parents to provide whatever help they can at this difficult time in their lives.



Sr. Suzanne Janis, Sr. Mary Lou Madden and Ms. Grace Bowman admire the completed mural in the children's playroom at Babyland IV. (More photos on page 3).

New Community Corporation Salutes Regional Director Of HUD

New Community Corporation honored Geraldine McGann, Regional Director of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, at a luncheon in The Priory on Feb. 6.

Following a meeting with Msgr. William F. Linder and Mary Smith, Treasurer of NCC, McGann toured the New Community network facilities with NCC administrators, including Development Director Raymond M. Codey and Assistant Director Larry Goldston.

"As an advocate of sound housing policy, Director McGann has demonstrated dynamic leadership and hands-on commitment — a combination that is worthy of celebration," said Msgr. Linder.

He praised McGrann for having so successfully combined her professional life as a housing advocate with

her personal life as the mother of four.

On behalf of New Community and the Board members who were present, Mrs. Smith presented Director McGann with a framed portrait of Babyland children and camera equipment. The photograph, by Sister Susan Dunn, was entitled, "Focus on the Future," which Mrs. Smith said "truly reflects the vision of Geraldine McGann."

Support and assistance from Mrs. McGann in the past has meant not only professional advice, but personal attention and guidance, Msgr. Linder said. She is an administrator who not only submits reports and recommendations but who is also known to travel to Washington to insure that her vote will be heard in support of a project she believes in.

McGann, who succeeded the former

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Ms. Geraldine McGann proudly receives her award from NCC's Mary Smith.

Weatherization Project Begins At New Community

Local Residents May Also Be Eligible For Energy Saving Assistance

In 1975 New Community Homes, a 120 unit apartment complex, opened proudly to begin New Community's history of safe, decent housing for people of limited means. Today, New Community owns and manages 2,265 units of housing, making it the largest non-profit housing corporation in New Jersey, and one of the largest in the nation.

Managing our housing in-house

ed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and administered locally by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

LaCasa De Don Pedro is a community based organization which has been addressing the needs of the Latin community in the North Ward of Newark since 1971 and employs a staff of over 60 professionals and para-professionals representing the



Assistant Director of Management Mike Davis examines a new storm and screen door, part of the weatherization project at NC Homes.

bestows a certain feeling of self-pride in maintaining the high standards set by the residents who created New Community. It is "ours" not someone else's. Therefore, after almost fifteen years of use, the original 120 units are receiving a facelift — brand new storm and screen doors. Existing windows will also be caulked.

The work is being accomplished through LaCasa De Don Pedro's Weatherization Assistance Program, an energy-conservation project for low-income persons which is fund-

diverse cultural and ethnic background of the community. They were chosen a grantee for the Weatherization Program because of their impressive track record in delivering effective social services to their community.

LaCasa De Don Pedro will provide weatherization services for the constituents who reside in cities throughout Essex County. Once you apply for the program, an audit will be done by Public Service

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Love Newark Dinner Honors Image Boosters

The 1989 Love Newark Recognition Dinner was held Friday, February 10th at the new Radisson Hotel adjacent to Newark Airport.

The guests were reminded of the purpose of the Love Newark campaign — the beautification of the city along with an improvement of the im-

J. Linder of New Community Corporation; City Council President Henry Martinez; Barbara Bell, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club of Newark and Arthur Guida, Past Chairman, Love Newark Committee.

Speaker for the evening was Arthur A. Ashe, noted tennis champion who



Msgr. William J. Linder leads the 1989 Love Newark Recognition Dinner guests in an opening prayer.

age Newark has suffered in past years. Gradually, a sense of dignity and pride is returning to the city.

The people honored that evening had by their efforts in varied fields furthered the positive image of Newark. Richard R. Levine, Chairman of the Love Newark committee welcomed the group.

Awards were given to: Msgr. Wm.

ranked number one in the world in 1968 and 1975. He retired in 1980 after quadruple bypass surgery.

Mr. Ashe is co-founder of the National Ashe-Bolletieri Tennis Project. The Newark Tennis Project, established in 1988 is an Ashe-Bolletieri training program for the development of urban tennis players in Newark.

Dinner Honors Martin Luther King, Jr.



Mr. Clifton Walker (left) presents a special poetic tribute to Mr. Martin Luther King III (center) as Freeholder President Thomas Giblin looks on. The poem honors the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and was written by Mr. Walker.

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★ ★ Birthday ★ ★

THE NEW COMMUNITY CLARION

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If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201) 623-2800 ext. 206.

HUD Director Honored...

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Regional Director Joseph Monticciolo, had been serving as Acting Regional Director until her appointment as Director several days before the luncheon. As a result, the luncheon was not only a tribute in gratitude of her long list of accomplishments, but also a celebration of the great successes to come.

Among the officials joining New Community's tribute to Director McGann was New Jersey Community Affairs Commissioner Anthony (Doc) Villane; James Logue, Executive Director of New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency; Deputy Community Affairs Commissioner Arthur Maurice; Assistant Commissioner Charles Richman; Denville Mayor James F. Dyer; Hanover Mayor Sal Iannaccone; Diane Johnson, Deputy Manager of the Newark Area HUD Office; and top ranking administrators of the New York Region HUD Office, including



Geraldine McGann and NCC Board President Arthur Wilson pose at the recent luncheon honoring Ms. McGann.

Francine Kellner, Special Assistant.

Sen. Bradley Meets With Staff And Parents Of Babyland III

Senator Bill Bradley, New Jersey's senior United States Senator, visited Babyland III to speak with parents and staff of the largest day care network in the state.

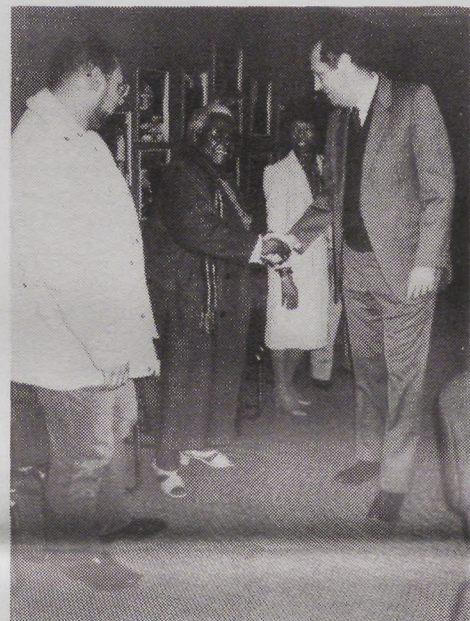
"I'm here out of respect and admiration for what you are doing," Bradley told the group that gathered for the late afternoon meeting on Feb. 15.

Bradley, co-sponsor and strong supporter of child care legislation, has also fought to preserve tax credits for child care costs.

Interest was also high about his legislation to expand health care coverage for poor pregnant women and children. Pre-natal care lessens the chances of premature delivery and low-birthweight babies. Too often, however, women just above the poverty level, who are not covered by Medicaid, cannot afford health care during pregnancy. As a result, they are more prone to delivering a low-birthweight baby. The greatest cause of infant mortality is low-birthweight babies.

Bradley's bill, which is part of his continuing campaign to increase health care for pregnant women and children, would expand coverage for women up to 185% above the poverty level.

The strong parental involvement of Babyland parents led Bradley to discuss one of his education in-



Senator Bill Bradley greets Mrs. Rosa Langston and Mr. Ralph Waller waits his turn at Babyland III.

itiatives, the family-school partnership act, which supports programs that increase parental involvement in their children's education.

After hearing about a Babyland "graduate" who grew to become an honors student and is now headed for a top college, Bradley said, "I am sure he is one of many, many Babyland success stories."



Senator Bill Bradley is welcomed to Babyland III by NCC's Madge Wilson.

Secretarial Volunteer Needed

Do you have secretarial skills which you can donate to a Babyland program?

Are you a **retiree** but **goodie**?

Sister Clare Elton could use your help.

Call her to volunteer or for information at 399-3400

Behind The Shelter Door: Women's History Month: The Invisible Contribution

Ten years ago Babyland Nursery, Inc. extended and committed itself to battered women and their children by sponsoring a specialized service called the Essex County Family Violence Program. The program includes a domestic violence hotline (201-484-4446), counseling, safe shelter and advocacy for women who have survived the trauma and the brutality of living with a batterer.

For children, it offers the experience of living in a space that is free of violence as well as the chance to learn non-violent ways of self expression. Though such non-abusive, non-violent relating is sometimes as novel to the mothers as it is to the children, interventions focused on breaking the cycle of violence are a vital element

of the program.

Hundreds of women and children have utilized and benefitted from the multiple services the Essex County Family Violence Program has offered over these past ten years. Their struggle and their courage to change is not recorded in the history books. Neither is the commitment of the staff of the program. But their contributions to women's history are nonetheless real and ongoing.

This month, as women's history month is being celebrated, recall with pride the good work women of Newark have done for each other over the past ten years and recognize their presence still among us.

Sister Rita Foegen, RN, MS

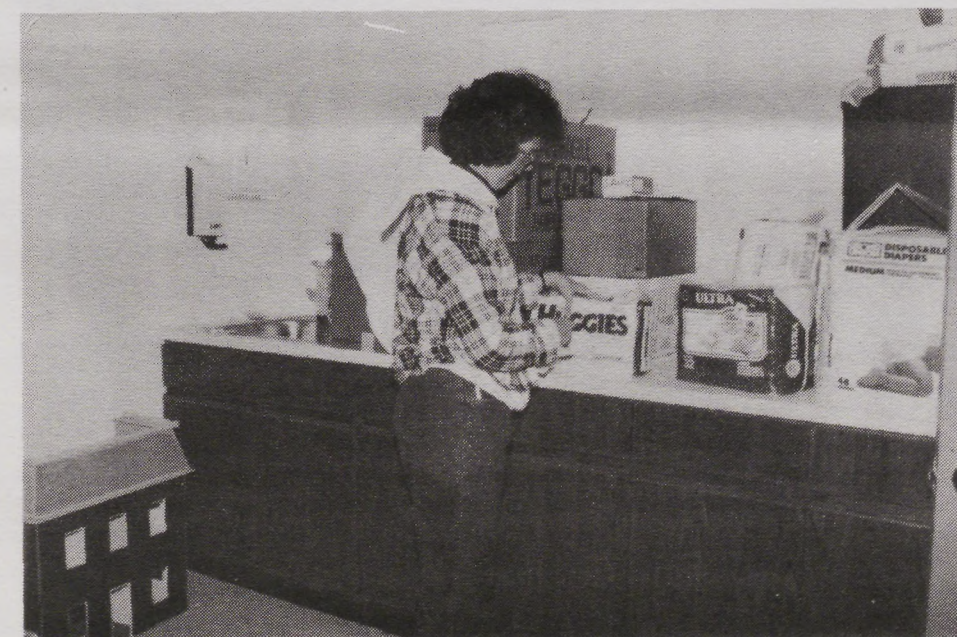
Perky Surroundings For Babyland IV



Sr. Mary Lou Madden, Babyland IV Supervisor, checks the finished cribs in the nursery at the new facility.



Babyland IV Registered Nurse Myriam Hernandez eagerly prepares the medical room for the children.



Sr. Mary Lou Madden unpacks some of the donated materials for New Community's latest daycare project.

Babyland IV Thanks You

Babyland IV opened its doors to babies with AIDS on February 22, 1989. Many people have helped us to come to this day and it is with gratitude that we mention them here.

•**Dr. and Mrs. Kearney**, who secured a donation of an elegant table and chairs set for children from **SAKS, Fifth Avenue**.

•**Mr. Fred Hillman** and other employees from **Blue Cross/Blue Shield**.

•**Senipon Memorial Methodist Church** in Philadelphia.

•**Mr. Edward Tumminello** and staff in **Law Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs**.

•**The Dorothy and Lawrence Marron Foundation** of Ho-Ho-kus.

•**Franciscan Sisters** of Ringwood.

•**WHTZ Radio Station**.

•**Filipino Students' Association, Rutgers University**.

•**Marilyn Jones** and employees of **Mutual Benefit Life**.

A very special thank you is extended to the **Park Theatre Performing Arts Center**. Their February 19th performance of *The Passion Play* was a benefit for Babyland IV.

We are grateful to all those who have contributed in any way to this new program. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to make a donation or financial contribution, please contact:

Sister Clare Elton
Babyland Nursery
755 South Orange Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07106
(201) 399-3400



Ms. Marilyn Jones (left) of Mutual Benefit and Mr. Fred Hillman of Blue Cross/Blue Shield present a check for Babyland IV to Sr. Mary Lou Madden and Sr. Suzanne Janis.

Where Are The Babylanders Now?

As we recall pleasant memories of years gone by our thoughts turn to the wonderful beginning of Babyland Nursery and the infants, our Babylanders.

The formative years will always be a source of pride, knowing our Babylanders have grown into beautiful young ladies and gentlemen who are now adults taking their places in society.

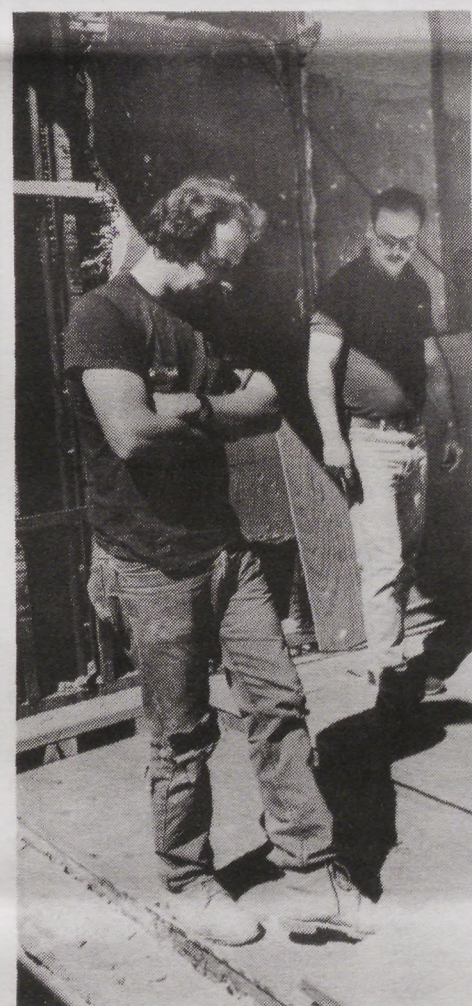
Babylanders: Children and Infants Of Babyland Nursery, Inc.

Mrs. Mary Smith, founder of Babyland Nursery, Inc. and Executive Director, is continuing her commitment of excellence in Babyland Nursery, Inc. today.

Nothing could be more fitting than a reunion of our Babylanders, parents, guardians, founders and parents of today's little ones.

Letters about the special day, Saturday, May 20, 1989 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Plaza, 233 West Market St., Newark, N.J., are being sent to each family. Should there be a delay of your letter, please respond to this article as soon as possible.

Please send your name, address and phone number to: Ruby M.J. Dawson, c/o Babyland Nursery, Inc., 755 South Orange Ave., Newark, N.J. 07106.



Before: Workmen reconstruct the floor earlier this year at the now completed Babyland IV.

CALL FOR HELP

Is your husband or boyfriend abusing you? You are not alone — it happens a lot. There's a number you can call 24 hours a day where people are available to help you explore your feelings and plans. All calls are kept confidential.

Don't let this situation continue. **NO ONE DESERVES TO BE BEATEN!**

Call Babyland's Essex County Family Violence Project at 484-4446. In the Caldwell area, call PEACE at 226-6166.

In The Spotlight: Archibald Williams

A familiar smiling face here at New Community is that of Mr. Archibald W. Williams, NCC's relocation fieldworker, known to most simply as "Archie."

Archie came to New Community in February 1978 as manager of New Community Homes, our first housing complex of 120 units. He had worked for twenty years in state institutions as a psychiatric technician. At one time he worked at the Veterans Administration in their substance abuse wards as a counselor. Woodbridge State School for Retarded Children also received his help.

Always Archie has been interested in people. "No sterile environment for me," he said the other day. He described sterile as "working with numbers or something like that," without involvement obviously with people.

He was born and raised in Newark and attended local schools. His B.A. in Sociology and Education was gained at Upsala College in East Orange.

Archie has an intimate knowledge of the Newark neighborhood and of local people which is invaluable in his present position as relocation specialist. He makes New Community's original philosophy of keeping people in their neighborhoods, work.

When NCC was first beginning to build, he went around to the few ramshackle buildings which existed to find the inhabitants and assure them of a place in our new safe housing.

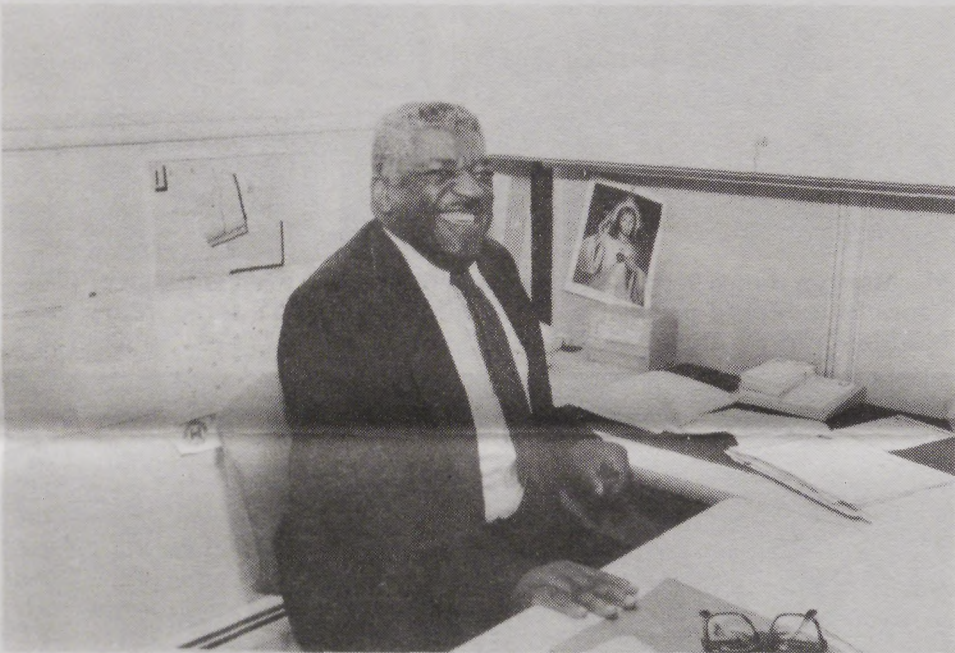
Archie is a parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Parish and met Father Linder as a result. Nothing escapes Father's eye, so Archie was recruited.

His presence in the office can always be detected by a low bubbling chuckle as he breezes by his fellow workers on the way to his desk with a story or a joke. He certainly gets around in the course of a day and brightens everyone with whom he comes in contact.

Perhaps his biggest attribute is patience, as he talks to elderly residents about their worries during the relocation process in their lives. It is not an easy task, but the reassuring presence of Mr. Williams helps.

Pride of family is also Archie's. He has been married to his wife Vurnell for 35 years now. They have raised two sons and two daughters who live nearby. Now it is time to enjoy their grandchildren Nagozi, 9 years and Michael, age 10...and for their grandchildren to grow in the love of such a fine man.

We are proud he is part of New Community



Mr. Archibald W. "Archie" Williams pauses for a moment at his desk at St. Joseph Plaza.

Weatherization Improvements...

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to see where energy is being wasted in your home. The evaluation will be done from attic to basement. Based on that audit, a set amount will be granted for weatherization assistance.

What is Weatherization?

Weatherization is a process by which cold air is prevented from entering and heat from leaving a dwelling unit, thereby ensuring heat efficiency and fuel savings.

Since the vast majority of dwelling units in New Jersey were built when fossil fuels were relatively inexpensive, only minimal efforts were devoted to insulation. As a result, most dwelling units in New Jersey are energy inefficient.

Who Is Eligible?

The services are free of charge to eligible residents.

In order to be eligible for this one-time only Home Energy Conservation Grant, an individual must:

- 1) Be a tenant or owner and resident of Essex County.
- 2) File an application.
- 3) Meet income eligibility guidelines. (Proof of income is required.)
- 4) Provide proof of ownership.

Services provided by the program vary. Your dwelling may qualify for

such services as:

- 1) Weatherstripping and caulking around doors and windows.
- 2) Replacement or repairs of storm windows and storm doors.
- 3) Replacement or repair of broken windows and/or external doors.
- 4) Replacement of windows or doors.
- 5) Cleaning, testing and repairs to heating system/or replacement.

As grantee for this program the LaCasa De Don Pedro organization inspects 100% of the work done by the sub-contractors it chooses after receiving sealed bids. The state itself additionally checks at least 25% of the work done. If the work is satisfactory the contractors are then paid.

So why not contact the weatherization assistance program today, if there are breezes blowing through your house in this cold weather. You may very well be eligible for some free help with your problem. You will certainly save money in the long run.

Call or visit:
Essex County Weatherization Assistance Program
1 Bloomfield Avenue
Newark, N.J. 07104
(201) 485-0701



Doctor Visits The Homebound

New Community Home Health Care is happy and privileged to have Dr. Marcus P. Porcelli working on their home health care team. Dr. Porcelli received his medical degree from Universita di Padova, Facolta di Medicina Chirurgica, Padova, Italia, and completed further study at Saint Peter's Medical Center, New Brunswick, New Jersey where he obtained his degree in Primary Care Internal Medicine. He was a Fellow in the Division of Hematology-Oncology from the University of Medicine and Den-

tistry of New Jersey - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Dr. Porcelli has given lectures on "Aplastic Anemia" at Saint Peter's Medical Center and written publications on "T" cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia. He is a member of the American College of Physicians and the New Jersey Medical Society.

Dr. Porcelli visits our NCC homebound patients one day each week on a voluntary basis. His reassuring presence brightens them up with more than the glow of good health.



Dr. Marcus P. Porcelli visits with Mr. George Harris at NC Gardens.

Valentine's Day Is Not Bound By Age

Age does not diminish the anticipation of a fun-filled Valentine's Day; it can in fact, brighten life in the "slow lane."

Understanding this, the Activities Department of New Community Extended Care Facility planned a big Valentine's Day Bash complete with lots of visitors and brightly colored red and white decorations.

The party included not only residents of the Extended Care Facility, but its Medical Day Care Participants as well. Around 65 people

gathered for the one o'clock event where soothing love music of the oldies and goodies variety filled the community room and drew them to their feet to dance.

Children from Saint Rose School came with Sister Clare Terrance to distribute valentines and gifts, brightening the day.

The staff helped with punch and cake until 2:30 p.m. when the party broke up, and happy elderly residents returned to their rooms or floors with happy memories of the day.

Westside High School Choir At Extended Care



The Westside High School Choir entertained the Extended Care Facility residents and Medical Day Care participants recently.

Resident At Extended Care Facility Reaches Century Mark

On Thursday, January 26, 1989, Mr. Joshua Spruill celebrated his 100th birthday with a gala affair at the Extended Care Facility. Mr. Spruill has been a resident at NCECF since March 1986.

Joshua Spruill was born and raised in Scotlandneck, North Carolina,

Mr. Spruill is very alert and oriented to person, place and time. He is a high-spirited man and travels throughout the facility with the assistance of his cane.

He attends various recreational and social activities both in and out of the facility, and enjoys sitting outdoors



Mr. Joshua Spruill is surrounded by his family members during his 100th birthday party.

where he worked as a fireman on the Atlantic Coastline Railroad. After leaving North Carolina, Mr. Spruill resided in Paterson, New Jersey before coming to our facility.

He is the proud father of 18 children. Nine are still living, namely Blanche, Joseph, Louise, Mattie Mae, Fred, Everlyne, Josh, Lorraine and John. Joshua also has twenty-one grandchildren and thirty-three great-grandchildren.

getting fresh air.

Because Mr. Spruill is a very friendly and pleasant person he is known throughout the facility as "Papa Spruill."

Once again, Happy Birthday from all of us here at Extended Care, and may you have many more.

We love you!

Denise Baker
Activities Coordinator



Residents at New Community's Extended Care Facility joined in celebrating Mr. Spruill's BIG day!



RN's and LPN's

New Community Corporation has an exciting new addition - a newly approved **Home Health Care Unit**.

We are a start-up agency - giving compassionate care and full service to families and individuals, the elderly, chronically ill and those recuperating in their own homes.

Competitive salary: RN range from \$30,000-\$34,000 plus benefits.

LPN range from \$28,000 - \$31,000 plus benefits.

Are you looking for a real challenge? Call Joseph Picardi or Sister Ann Tumulty at 733-2128 or 624-2020 to set up an interview.

Physical Therapist Joins Medical Day Care Team

Gary Knight, RPT has recently joined the NCC Adult Medical Day Care staff. A graduate of Down State Medical Center's physical therapy program, Gary has been in private practice since 1981. He continues to

Individuals referred by their physicians to Medical Day Care will be evaluated for admission by the program's social worker. Orders approved for physical therapy will result in clients being separately evaluated by



Mr. Gary Knight, the new registered physical therapist at the ECF, encourages one of his patients during a walking exercise.

provide services to various hospitals, rehabilitation centers and home based clients.

Gary's goals for Medical Day Care include establishing: 1) a detailed comprehensive pain management program for clients; 2) mobility classes; and 3) a relaxation-stress reduction program. By working in conjunction with other Medical Day Care staff, Gary seeks to "help individuals overcome an obstacle" to their daily lives.

the physical therapist as well. Based on a thorough examination (including stability, strength and functional level), a physical therapy plan of care is initiated if indicated.

The Director of Medical Day Care, Gloria McMillian, states, "We welcome Gary here because of his caring attitude and philosophy, and feel he will be a valuable and significant contributing member of the Medical Day Care team."

Beta Club And Extended Care Get Acquainted

On February 14, 1989 the National Junior Beta Club of Eighteenth Avenue School was given a tour of the New Community Extended Care Facility and a presentation by Mr. Ron Burgess, Activities Director at the facility.

The Beta Club members donated plants to the facility and will also be volunteering their time to it in the near future as a community service project.

The Beta Club is an organization that promotes in the students pride and responsibility in their communi-

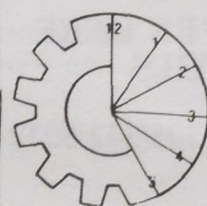
ty; they are 7th and 8th grade students. The group of 11 students was brought to the Extended Care Facility by Miss Bonaparte, their guidance counselor at the school.

To qualify for the prestigious club, students must be recommended by their guidance counselor, teachers and principal. They are then interviewed by the staff at Extended Care before acceptance as a volunteer.

It's nice to see young people volunteering their time to such a positive, rewarding activity.



Junior Beta Club members donated plants and their time to the people at the Extended Care Facility.



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Cultural Attractions

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra

The great Canadian contralto Maureen Forrester will join the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra for performances of Mahler's **Songs of a Wayfarer** in early March. Michael Pratt will lead the Orchestra also in music by Bruckner and Mozart for the concerts Thursday, March 9 at 8:00 P.M. at the John Harms Center in Englewood; Friday, March 10 at 8:30 P.M. at the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank; Saturday, March 11 at 8:00 P.M. at the War Memorial Theatre in Trenton, and Sunday, March 12 at 3:00 P.M. at Symphony Hall in Newark.

Mahler's orchestral song cycle **Songs of a Wayfarer** forms an eloquent statement of unrequited love, and is one of Mahler's most deeply moving scores. The other works on this program are Bruckner's Symphony No. 7, with its particularly affecting **Adagio**; and Mozart's Overture to **The Marriage of Figaro**.

Maureen Forrester, the foremost contralto of our time, has been heard by audiences on five continents as a soloist with almost every major orchestra in the world. Born in Montreal, she made her debut with the Montreal Symphony under Otto Klemperer, and her Carnegie Hall debut as the soloist in Mahler's "Resurrection" Symphony. She has recorded a vast repertoire for RCA, CBS, Vanguard, London, and other labels; and has been the recipient of fifteen honorary doctorates.

Tickets are available at \$9.50-\$28.00 with limited seating available in Englewood and Red Bank. Student and senior citizen rush tickets can be purchased one-half hour before performance at \$5.00, subject to availability. A special "Voices of Spring" subscription offer entitles subscribers to a choice of one concert from two different vocal programs on the NJSO Major Series this spring: the March 9-12 program with Pratt and Forrester and a program featuring Hugh Wolff and the Westminster Choir in works by Stravinsky and Brahms to be heard April 20-23. Ticket prices for this

special two-concert package are \$19.00, \$34.00, and \$44.00. For tickets and information contact the NJSO box office at 201-624-8203 or toll-free at 1-800-ALLEGRO, Monday through Friday, 9-3. Group discounts are also available.

Museum Trips Planned

A series of trips to various New York City museums has been planned by the Center for Environmental Studies, 621 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland.

The Museum of the City of New York will be the destination on March 18. You will leave the Center at 9 a.m. While at the museum, you will have an opportunity to view maps, documents and historic records. You will also have access to records dating back to Peter Stuyvesant. The fee is \$8 and admission is free.

A relatively new museum, El Museo Del Barrio is the destination when you leave the Center at 10 a.m. on March 19. On display are the best artifacts pertaining to the Hispanic/Latino community and its culture. The fee is \$8 and admission is free.

On Wednesday, April 19, you can visit the American Museum of the Moving Image. Full of movie memorabilia, posters, souvenirs and films, this museum has everything for the cinema buff. The area you will be visiting has long been known for its on-location filming of significant movies. You will depart from the Center at 11 a.m. The fee is \$8 plus a general admission of \$5, \$2.50 for students and seniors.

On Friday, April 21, you will depart at 9 a.m. from the Center for a trip to the Cloisters. This adjunct to the Metropolitan Museum of Art pays homage to the Medieval era with its display of gothic art, painting and sculpture. The fee is \$8, plus a general admission of \$5, \$2.50 for students and seniors.

On all trips, lunch can be brought or purchased at the museum. Advance registration is required and can be accomplished by writing to the Center. For more information on

these and other programs call the Center at 228-2210.

The Center for Environmental Studies is a facility of Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Senior Cultural Festival Plans Announced

Plans for the 1989 edition of the Essex County Senior Citizens Cultural Festival, scheduled this year for Thursday, May 25, at South Mountain Arena, Northfield Avenue, West Orange, have been announced by the event's cosponsors, the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs and Essex County Division of Aging.

Being held in May as part of Senior Citizens Month, the Festival has made some changes, kept some things the same and added some new attractions. Festival organizers have stated that this year's event is their best effort to date.

Scheduled as one of the new attractions for this year is an appearance by the New Jersey Pops Orchestra, under the direction of Michael Buglio. The Pops will be appearing from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

There will also be a Dance Demonstration throughout the day. Seniors will have an opportunity to participate in folk dancing, square dancing, aerobics and social dancing. Music for the social dancing will be provided by the Danny Hope band.

Two changes at the Festival will be the Health Tent and the Fitness Tent. During past events, health screenings were scattered throughout the exhibit area. This year, all of the various organizations will be pulled together into one location, allowing interested seniors to get all their screenings done in one place. The Fitness Tent will offer senior fitness programs during the day.

Available again this year will be the exhibit booths featuring representatives from various Essex County service organizations. They will be available to answer questions and provide assistance. The Festival will

also offer the Seniors Flea Market with over 100 tables of bargains expected this year.

During the afternoon, a special awards ceremony will be held. The mayors of each municipality of the county are being asked to nominate a senior individual or group that they feel deserves recognition for their activities in the area of cultural arts. The winners will be presented with their awards at this ceremony, by the officials of their respective towns.

Art Alfresco will also be presented as part of the festival this year. This art contest is open to any Essex County Artist who is over 60. This contest is open to both professional and non-professional artists and awards will be given to first and second place winners in both categories. These winners will also be eligible to enter the state wide contest held in September.

For more information regarding the Festival contact the Division for Cultural and Historic Affairs at 857-5290.

Something's Happening To The "Y"

The downtown Newark YMWCA is undergoing a metamorphosis. By late fall nothing will look the same. Already the youth department has been remodeled to better accommodate their after school and day care programs. Work is presently underway in the men's and women's locker areas as well.

To show its new changes and to introduce changes still to come the "Y" will be holding an open house week during March 13th to 18th. Wednesday, March 15 a special invitation has been extended to the seniors in the area to come in for a special Senior Day Tour. This will include demonstrations of aerobics, aquatics (exercise performed in water for muscle tone, especially good for those suffering from arthritis) and there will also be health screenings and tee-shirts.

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Security Corner

Officer Of The Month

The New Community Department of Security has selected Security Officer Wanda Williams as its Officer of the Month for February, 1989.

Officer Williams was chosen because of her loyalty and unselfish dedication to duty. Officer Williams has been permanently assigned as a radio-dispatcher since first joining NCC Security in September, 1987.

She has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to her pre-

when questioned — the condition of the Base-Station reflects how we feel about our profession and ourselves to the visiting public.

Officer Williams stated further that having lived on various military installations with her husband (a former serviceman) and children, she grew to like the discipline and life style of the military. She therefore, pursued the career of a security officer.

After working for several com-



S/O Robert Williams smiles proudly as Security Director James DuBose presents the Officer of the Month award to S/O Wanda Williams (Robert's mother).

sent position after having served in that capacity for six years with several other security agencies, and thus far is doing a yeoman's job.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, her parents moved to Newark when she was five years old. She attended the Newark School system and is a graduate of Vailsburg High School.

With a penchant for cleanliness, it is not unusual to see the ever neatly attired Wanda, either mopping, sweeping or dusting around the Base-Station. She gladly states her reason

panies she became dissatisfied with conditions she found and thought she would try New Community Security, a decision she states she never regretted. As a result she encouraged her son Robert and sister Diana Martin to join the force too. They are both serving with pride.

Officer Williams was presented with a plaque from the New Community Corporation Security Department and the Katzin's Uniform Company of Newark, in recognition of her achievement.

Security Gets New Jeeps



S/O Wilson DeJesus (background) and Sgt. John Jackson are pictured with one of the two new Security vehicles for New Community.

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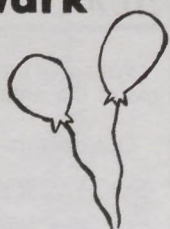
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Black History Notes

Lewis Howard Latimer

Inventor, Draftsman, Engineer (1848-1928)

Researched By James E. DuBose

Lewis Howard Latimer was employed by Alexander Graham Bell to make the patent drawings for the first telephone, and later to become chief draftsman for both the General Electric and Westinghouse Companies.

Born in Chelsea, Massachusetts on September 4, 1848, Latimer enlisted in the Union Navy at the age of 15 and began the study of drafting soon after completing his military service.

In 1881, Latimer supervised the installation of electric lights in New York, Philadelphia, Montreal and London for the Maxim-Weston Elec-

tric Company. In 1884, he joined the Edison Company as an associate of Thomas Edison. He also patented an electric lamp switch and socket and wrote the first textbook on the Edison electric system.

Looking into the history of the giant A. T. and T. (American Telephone and Telegraph) Corporation, you will find that the story of its beginnings could be written in the Black History books too. This is because of Lewis Howard Latimer's drawings for Alexander Bell's first telephone set.

Black History Display At Plaza



Director of Security James DuBose organized the recent display for St. Joseph Plaza on Black History. Each month, Director DuBose's love of Black History is evidenced in his special Clarion column. We celebrate and appreciate this talented man and his contribution to us all!

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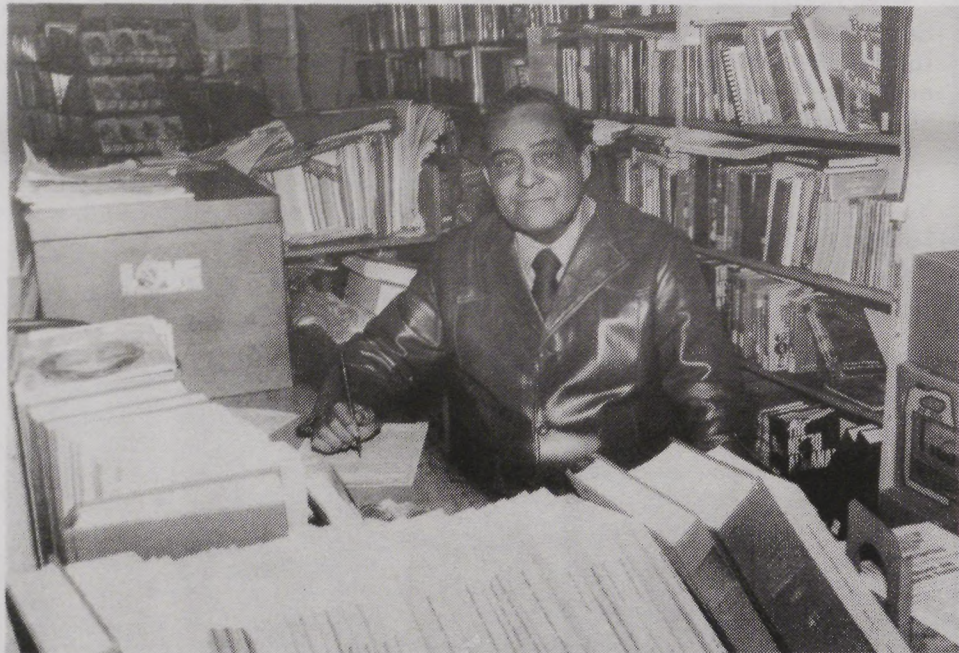
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Give Direction To Your Life

For a life to be compassionate, meaningful, and successful, it must have, among other things, direction, not haphazardly but by orderly method or procedure for achieving that end — a sort of animate map. Men have made and used maps ever since people first moved about the earth exploring other territories, trading or conquering other peoples. Today almost every traveler uses a map at one time or another, to help him find his way from place to place. The traveler may use his map: to find out where he is and to show him where he wants to go; to decide what

time preoccupied with pleasure may, down the road, find himself a 'labor force reject.'

You have heard of the story of the Three Wise Men and how they traveled to Bethlehem to offer their gifts to Christ in the manger, but there is another story, that of a fourth Wise Man, who also saw the star of Bethlehem, and set out to follow it, yet did not arrive with his other three brethren in the presence of the Child Jesus. This fourth pilgrim, in his long way of speaking, and in the many wanderings and probations of his soul, was denied his desire, yet ac-



Mr. Lewis Graves, librarian at the Springfield Branch of the Newark Public Library is a monthly contributor to New Community's Clarion.

direction he should take, which route to follow, how far he must travel, and how long it will take him to reach his destination.

The amount of information a person learns from a map depends on his ability to read, understand, and follow it. Unforeseen things, like detours, may cause a traveler to get off his planned course temporarily, but as long as he has a good map, he can get back on his course.

Make Appropriate Plans

So it is in life, where one has a goal he desires to reach, that a prudent person makes appropriate plans. Sacrifices may have to be made; schooling and training engaged in; abstinence from activities that may prevent his progress avoided; perseverance and steadfastness implanted; and a constant devotion to the task at hand adhered to.

The fantasizers of attaining material wealth, popularity, and position as their goals inconsistently make intermittent halfhearted gestures toward becoming something or attaining something, but they fail to make analysis or appraisal of the requisites for their desires, and what actually is involved for accomplishment. One can easily look at a successful person and desire to be like him without taking into account the long years of study, toil, suffering, and sacrifice endured to become that successful person. The irresponsible, inconsistent, and spiritually weak, living aimlessly oblivious of worthwhile goals, travel down the highway of life erratically, going nowhere, while the serious-minded individual plods step by step, sometimes experiencing temporary set backs, yet, undesperingly moving forward toward his destination.

Time Must Not Be Squandered

The days of unskilled labor are all but over, and the demand for skilled labor is at hand, which means that youth must study, train, learn, and prepare diligently in order to qualify to enter the labor market today. This may entail longer years in school, in some cases, and apprenticeship in others. The youth who squanders his

complished in the denial the strange way of finding Christ whom he sought. All his life, Artaban tried to do the best that he could. At death's threshold, Christ appeared to him and assured him that he had encountered Him throughout his life when he helped his fellowmen: "Verily I say unto thee, inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou hast done it unto Me." From the beginning, Artaban gave direction to his life. His three gems, gifts for the Christ Child, were used to help the lives of his fellowmen. Although he did not present the sapphire, the ruby, and the pearl to Christ personally, Christ acknowledged acceptance of the gifts nevertheless.

Despite contravening and thwarting socio-economic perplexities one can still give direction to his life. Matthew 6:33 encourages us to, "...seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all things shall be added to you." The important thing about a journey is to start out right, get your bearings, and head out in the right direction. A good pilot makes a flight plan and makes sure that his compass is in good working order. An axiom of flyers is that 'all flyers are at the mercy of the winds — of God.'

And so it is with us as we sojourn through life. When we walk with God in the sunshine, He will walk with us in the storm, as He promises us, "...lo, I am with you always..." (Matthew 28:20).

Along the journey there may be failures and losses but still we must not look back but start anew and "forget those things which are behind, and reach forth unto those things which are before." (Philippians 3:13). Our losses can become our teachers and trainers for something better. Joseph's dungeon prepared the way for his rulership of Egypt. David's bitter experiences gave birth to his Psalms. Job's sorrow produced the most beautiful poem ever written. Paul's sufferings developed the greatest follower of Christ who ever lived.

We must capitalize on our losses by achieving more than the losses, and

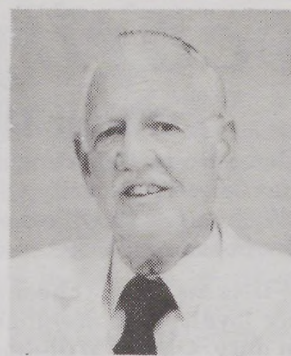
Reflections:

Ivory - It Still Floats

In this technological age, all the new hand soaps are liquid, beautifully manufactured to produce quick suds. They are certainly effective, however they are also expensive. But good old Ivory is still around, still works at a fraction of the cost of the liquid preparations.

Why am I so "Gung Ho" on cleanliness of the hands? Well, I'll tell you. Nearly all of the serious infections we have are transmitted hand to hand. One cannot include malaria and yellow fever that are transmitted by a mosquito, or plague, communicated by the bite of a louse, etc. (Fortunately these scourges are mostly third world.) The chief source of contamination worldwide is the hands. Just think for a few seconds on how often we touch an object, and not long after touch our mouths.

Might I recall the *Clarion* issue of Grandmother on immuno-suppressive drugs for cancer and she



**Dr. Paul
Kearney**

is changing her grandson's diaper who has had his first oral polio within the past week. He is now excreting live but weakened polio virus. Grandma has lost her childhood immunity through the immuno-suppressive drugs and as a result comes down with Poliomyelitis. Although this is an important danger, there are also many colds, flu viruses, strep and Staphylococci infections that well could be prevented by dear old Ivory Soap.

P.S. It doesn't have to be dear old Ivory — Dial, Lifebuoy, Irish Spring, in fact all of them are excellent bug killers — but Ivory floats, and you know how kids love to play.

Paul A. Kearney, M.D., F.A.A.P.

Clothing Donated For Harmony House

The National Alliance to End Homelessness and Gantos, Inc. today presented New Community with 20 boxes of new women's clothing to be used by homeless women in Harmony House, our transitional housing program. The boxes were part of a \$500,000 gift of clothing donated by Gantos to the Alliance. The Alliance distributed the clothing nationwide and selected New Community to receive the gift on behalf of its clients in Newark.

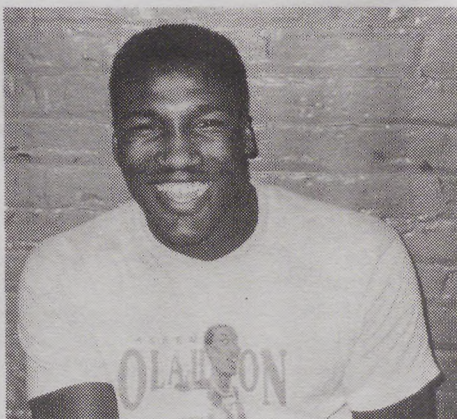
The National Alliance to End Homelessness is a national membership organization devoted to finding long term solutions to homelessness. Located in Washington D.C., it operates a program of research, advocacy, projects and education on the issues of homelessness. The Alliance has a five-year history of facilitating the transfer of surplus food, clothing and buildings for use by homeless people.

Gantos, Inc., based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, operates 108 women's clothing stores in 22 states, including New Jersey. The company frequently donates

clothing from its stores to those who are in need. The Alliance and New Community commend Gantos for its generosity and commitment to the needs of the homeless.

The clothing, including winter and summer apparel, will be distributed free of charge to homeless women over the coming weeks.

Adult ★ ★ Player ★ Of The ★ ★ Month



Kevin Giles is the player of the month for the NCC Adult League. He averages 20 points, 25 rebounds and 6 assists per game. He plays for the Rebels who are 2 and 1 this season.

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March Senior Activities

March 7 — Ceramic Shopping trip, class members 50¢ each. 10:00 a.m. - leave 545 Orange St. and 180 S. Orange Ave.

March 10 — Bake sale at 545 Orange Street 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

March 10 — Black and White Ball at St. Rose School Hall. Seniors only \$2.50, \$4.00 others. 6-9 p.m.

March 14 — NC Senior Advisory Board meeting at 140 S. Orange Ave., 12-1 p.m.

March 15 — Special Senior Day at Newark YMWCA, 11 a.m. - 50¢

March 16 — Golden Age Club St. Pat's Party at 545 Orange Street. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

March 17 — Fish Fry at 545 Orange Street

March 17 — Mystery Shopping Trip 10:30 a.m.-50¢

March 17 — St. Patrick's Day. Erin Go Braugh!

March 18 — Easter egg hunt at 545 Manor Senior \$1.00 Children age 12 and under.

March 19 — Palm Sunday

March 20 — Spring Begins

March 23 — Last Supper Feast at St. Rose School Hall, 7:30 p.m.

March 24 — Good Friday

March 26 — Easter Sunday

March 27 — Brown Bag Day —Hot lunches served daily at 180 South Orange Avenue.

Reminder — Summer Camp at Camp Tecumseh July 19-25 only \$115.00. Deposit of \$25.00 due March 17th.

Reminder —

Food Stamp Representative at:

Douglass-Harrison - March 8 - 9 a.m.

NC Gardens Senior - March 15 - 9 a.m.

NC Roseville - March 30 - 9 a.m.

Fire Safety Schedule at:

NC Douglas Homes - March 13 at 1 p.m.

Douglass-Harrison - March 13 at 2:30 p.m.

NC Associates - March 15 at 1:00 p.m.

NC Commons - March 15 at 2:00 p.m.

NC Gardens Seniors - March 16 at 1:00 p.m.

NC Manor - March 21 at 2:00 p.m.

NC Roseville - March 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Dependable Kitchen Workers Are Invaluable Asset

Thanks to the Division on Aging and Senior Service Corps, New Community Associates has a cheerful and dependable team of workers who prepare lunches for Meals on Wheels participants and serve those who come to the nutrition site for a congregate meal. Viola Bell and Odessa Mitchell are employed under the Title V Program and Magnolia Brown, who lives in NCC Associates is also working under Title V. Christine Greene is a community service worker.

Such opportunities for seniors to service seniors while receiving some assistance to their small incomes is a wonderful way of sharing in one another's gifts. There is much volunteer work within the NCC buildings, but work programs are important, too.

Sister Kay Coll



NC Associates kitchen crew members include (left to right): Odessa Mitchell, Christine Greene, Magnolia Brown and Nora Viola Bell.

Seniors Get Ready

Every year the Essex County Division of Parks and Recreation host a cultural and crafts fair at the South Mountain Arena. The fair is for all the senior groups and individuals in Essex County and features such attractions as full health screenings, presentations by NJ Bell, AT&T and PSE&G. There is also a booth which aids seniors who are seeking active employment.

Many seniors take an active part in the fair by running flea market or craft tables and using monies raised to benefit their various clubs.

Past fairs have been held in the month of September and have been very successful. This year will be the first year that the event will be moved forward to May 25th, which is quite appropriate since May is "National Senior Citizen's Month."

New Community has always had representatives from each senior building, Douglass Harrison and the Medical Day Care Center taking part

in or attending the fair. If anyone is interested in attending or selling flea market or craft items, please contact Ms. Cook at Social Services so that arrangements and reservations for tables can be made. Table reservations should be made by April 3rd.

Do plan to attend this truly fine day of music, treats, good company and browsing.



New Community Social Services Proudly Announces
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Youth Department Closeup: Mrs. Bertha Brown

Monthly we read articles in this paper about various special activities, contests, and on-goings of the New Community After-School Program, but we never really hear much about what happens daily at that program: tutoring for those students who attend. And besides just a few words here and there, we never really speak of those who provide this great educational service to our youngsters — the VISTA tutors who came daily to help our workers. Mrs. Brown agreed to become a VISTA volunteer and she began to receive a stipend for her work. (VISTA stands for Volunteers In Service To America.) Thus, Mrs. Brown has worked with the summer program for 4 years and has been a VISTA and an after-school tutor for the last two of those years.

When asked why she does this work, she replied that "I like children ... I enjoy helping the students do their homework, as well



Vista volunteer Bertha Brown works with the children in the After School Program.

youth with homework. Well, it is high time we took notice of these people and the hard work they do. And so the Clarion will intermittently focus on these volunteers — we will enable you to get to know them so that you, too, can pat them on the back for their tremendous efforts.

Our first close-up features a volunteer at the 220 Bruce Street site of the Program, Mrs. Bertha Brown. Mrs. Brown, a resident on Hayes Street, had been working with the NCC Summer Program for two years when Eladio Negrón, coordinator of the Youth Department, told her that the VISTA Program would sponsor her and the other

as relaxing with their coloring." But she also finds the time constraints frustrating. "It's hard when I have a child that has a difficulty in learning, and I do not have enough time with him or her because I must also spend my time helping others with homework problems," she added.

"Mrs. Brown means business when she comes in, and her kids know it," said Scott Santarosa, After-School Coordinator. "She comes in here to tutor, and she does it faithfully and conscientiously, and I'm glad we're letting others know it!" he added.

Great job, Mrs. Brown, and keep up your fantastic work!

NCC Departments Support The Youth

"Fundraising and finding sponsors for athletic teams is always tough," were the words of Eladio Negrón, head of the Youth Department. "I wanted to start a basketball league for Juniors, for youth of ages 13-16, but I didn't want them to have to pay for shirts and equipment. I was also tired of going outside for donations from businesses." Mr. Negrón's solution was to seek help within the departments of our corporation, and the response was amazing.

"I was overwhelmed!" Mr. Negrón enthused. "I only hoped for sponsors for four teams, but now I have six departments that each want to sponsor a team." The six departments are

the following: Social Services, Home Health and Home Friends, NCC Administration, NCC Management, Extended Care and Security. "It's fantastic to see such support for the youth from within the Corporation," Mr. Negrón added.

The teams will be coached by volunteer residents of New Community and by players from the Adult Leagues. Players will be local New Community 13-16 year-olds. Games will be played at Newton Street School on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Watch for this exciting new league, and come out and support your favorite department!

At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

Youth Council Off To Fresh Start

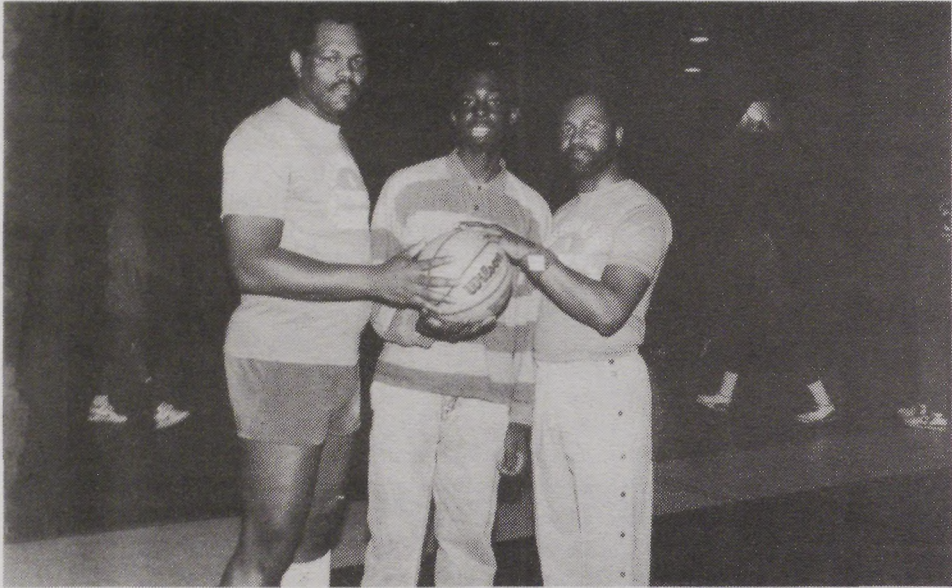
January marks a time for new beginnings, as we all know. We all make resolutions for the New Year, but before we know it we often find ourselves falling a bit short of our newly-formed goals.

Well, January marked a new beginning for the New Community Youth Council, and from the looks of their new leadership and energy, it seems that they won't falter soon. The Youth Council has had trouble in the past with losing steam shortly after the organizational aspects have been established. But this Youth Council looks different — they have fundraising games such as the KISS KARDS vs. NCC All-Stars, and Newton Street Girls vs. Small Fry Boys coming up,

and they are hoping to open a concession stand soon in the youth recreation room at 220 Bruce Street. They have membership cards printed up and will soon open a new bank account.

A key to vitality of this new council has been the enthusiasm of the newly elected Executive Board. Congratulations goes to Board President Muntaqim Muhammad, Vice-President Birdie Treadwell, Treasurer Crystal Lilly, and Secretaries Norma Rivera and Yolanda Bennett. We wish them well in their quest to keep the Youth Council and its potential for greatness alive and well.

Scott Santarosa



Newark's Director of Recreation Tim Bassett (left) and Councilman Gary Harris (right) take time out with NCC Youth Council President Muntigim Mohammad at the Kiss Kard game.

Sizzling Hot Readers

February was a busy month for the "after-schoolers" at 220 Bruce Street, for it brought with it a special opportunity for the youngsters to take time to read for pleasure. Once again, the **Reading Is Fundamental (R.I.F.) Program** along with the **Metropolitan Life Foundation** sponsored an "In Celebration of Reading" program. This program recognizes and rewards students for recording the amount of time they spend reading for enjoyment during a two week period in January or February.

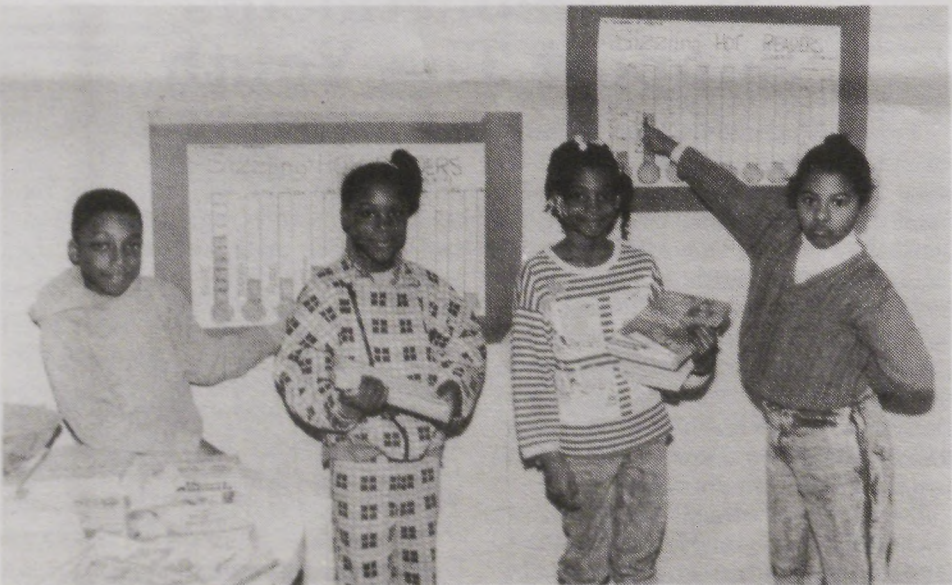
The two week period for our after school participants was February 12-25, and the students recorded their progress at home and at the After-School Program. We put up "reading thermometers" so that the "sizzling hot readers" could see how far they could go.

The thermometers were great incentives - it made the kids want to read!

RIF is a program which promotes

reading in a variety of ways but most notably they supply funds to educational organizations for childrens' books. At the end of the two week period, readers who have read for certain quantities of time (depending upon the child's age) will be eligible to have their names sent on to compete nationally for a trip to Washington, D.C. and for savings bonds. The random drawing of eligible readers' names will happen early this month, once all of the reading time sheets are in.

Of course, not every student will qualify for the drawing, but the program has succeeded in inspiring many of the students to read. It even inspired some of the students to organize the collection of books and form a kind of library to make it easier for others to pick a book to read. Indeed, the doldrums of February sparked to life for the after school students as they learned to celebrate and enjoy reading.



Sizzling Hot Readers are Devin Hepburn, Channell Brown, Rayne Hunter and Nadirah Brown.

New Student Wins Honors

The "new kid on the block" wins the honor of being February's student of the month at the 220 Bruce Street After School Program. Devin Hepburn, who joined us at the end of January, is a third grader at Newton Street School where he is taught by Mrs. Womack.

"Devin's attitude is fantastic!" said Scott Santarosa, program coordinator. "He listens extremely well, and he does what we ask him to do after he conscientiously completes his

homework," Scott added. Devin was also an eager participant in the program's activities that helped commemorate Black History Month. He read a small description of the life of a famous black inventor at the beginning of one day's program, and he artistically drew a poster honoring three legendary Afro-Americans.

Great job, Devin! Keep up your great attitude and your desire to excel!!!



Student of the Month: Devin Hepburn is a happy and dedicated participant in the After School Program.

Local Youth Create Fun And Funds

Friday, January 27th brought great excitement to the youth that are involved with the youth department activities at 220 Bruce Street. The newly formed NCC Youth Council presented a "Gong Show" — a talent show which all local youths were invited to attend. Actually, "The Bucket Show" would have been a better name, for instead of being "gonged," the bad talent acts were removed from the stage by the clanging of a bucket by one or more judges. But, the show was packed with all the excitement and fun that comes with the more traditional Gong Show.

The three judges — two of whom were from the staff of NCC Social Services and the other a resident of New Community — had a tough time picking winners. After each act, each judge scored the act on a scale from 1 to 10. Winning with 30 points was Kierra Mattox who sang "Thanks for

My Child." Her beautiful rendition of that song won her free tickets to the 98.7 KISS KARDS vs. NCC All-Stars basketball game. In second place with 28 points came "The Jungle Brothers" — Harvey Garvey and Donnell Lilly — with a lively and entertaining dance routine to a popular song. In third place with 26 points came the group "The Girls" who danced in great synchrony and with endless energy to the song "Dial My Heart." Birdie Treadwell, Crystal Lilly, Norma Rivera and Kierra Mattox were "The Girls" who mimed the dance steps of "The Boys," a popular singing and dancing group.

The singing, acting and dancing came to an end after the 12+ acts, and soon the hopping and bustling rec room was empty. But much fun was had and through the sales of hotdogs, candy and juice, the Youth Council had produced an entertaining and financially successful evening.

Rapping Against Drugs

"Don't Give Me that Crack!" he rapped to the delight and excitement of a packed room of youngsters at the Central Ward's Boys' and Girls' Club. The Club has been sponsoring a **Say No To Drugs Week**, and the February 17th performance of **Shinehead**, a new rapping entertainer from the Electric Company, was a highlight of the week.

The very first song caught all who were present off-guard, and his message was well-heard. His entire performance expressed his concerns over drug-related problems and he even focused on the causes and effects of abusing various substances. In all, it was a great event in helping deliver the message that we can say **no** to drugs.

Shinehead didn't do it all alone — he needed some help from the audience, and he requested that a youngster volunteer to provide a Bee-Bop beat for his music. What a surprise it was

to see Roeson DeVore, a student in our After School Program, come down and supply Shinehead with a rock-solid beat. The **Star-Ledger** even caught Roeson in "the rap" with a few photos.

Afterwards, Shinehead discussed his career and life goals and answered any questions that the kids had. Here he brought his message home — **We can be whatever we want by saying no to drugs** — a message that is well worth a good rap.

Yolanda Curry



Youth Programs Win In KISS Game

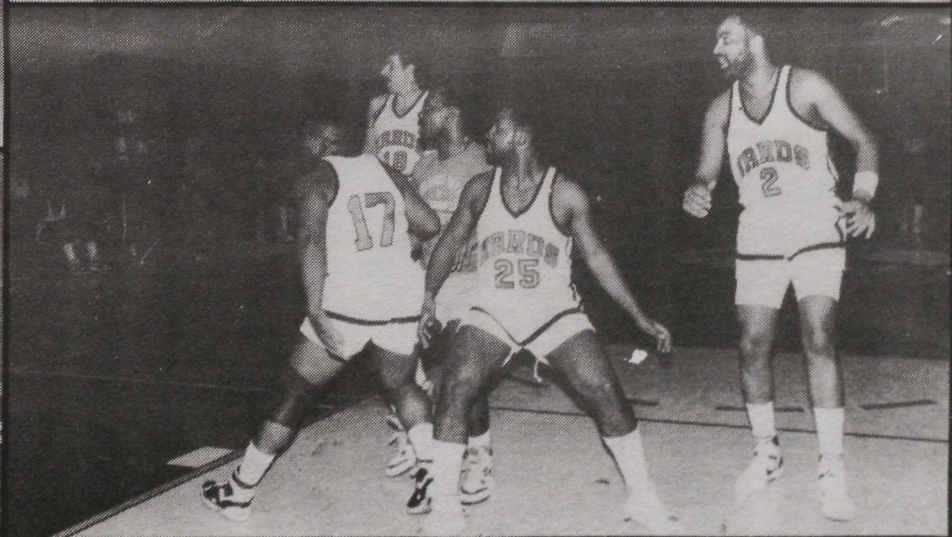
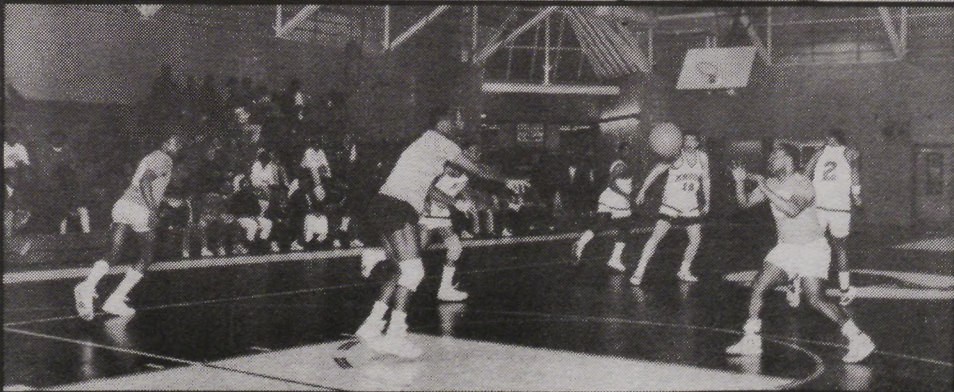
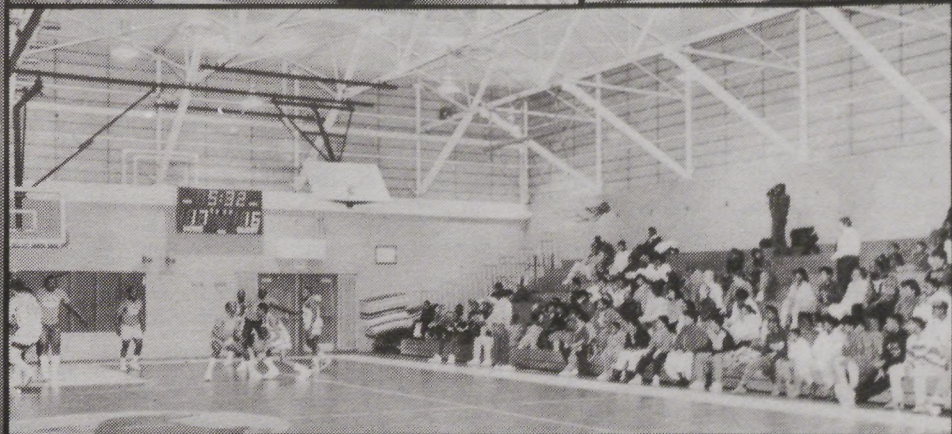
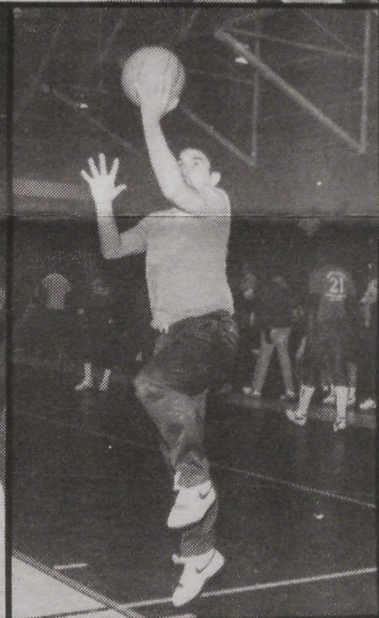
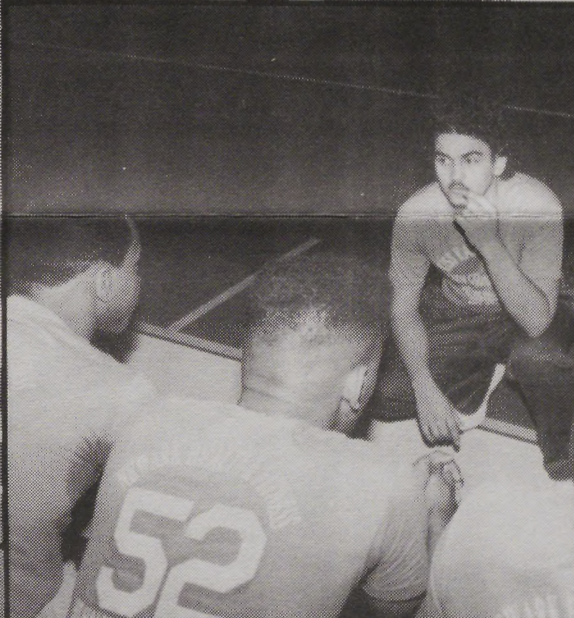
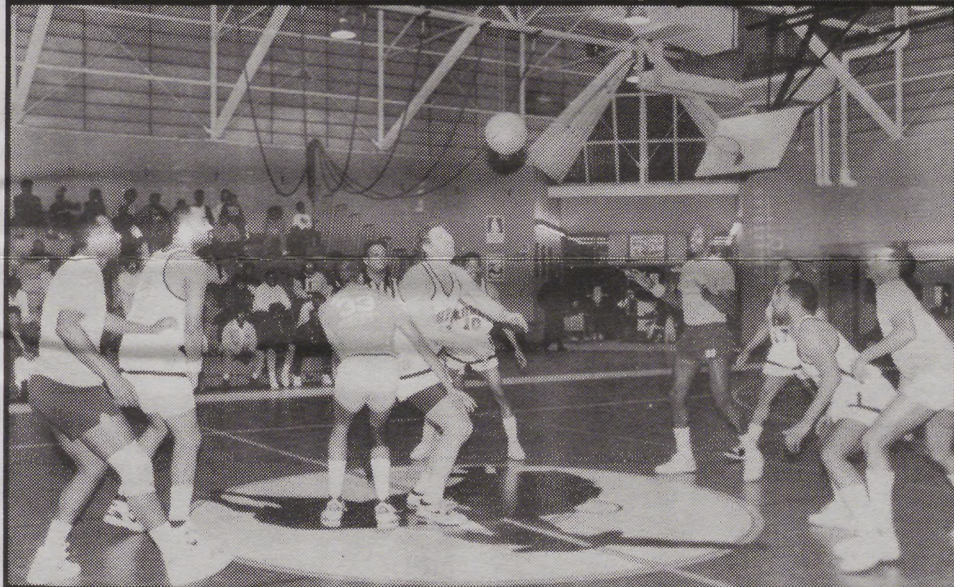
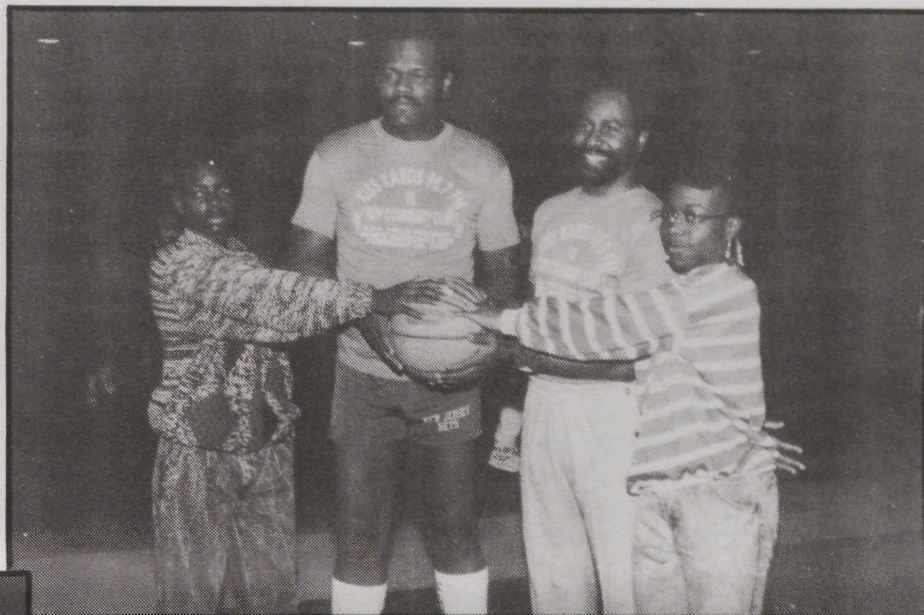
February 25th saw the annual fundraising basketball game for the NCC Youth Department: the 98.7 FM KISS Kards versus the New Community All-Stars. West Side High School's gymnasium was the site for this action-packed event, and the whistle blew to start the game at 8:15PM.

The New Community All-Stars were composed of various New Community residents, staff, and even a former NBA player. They were brought together and coached by Eladio Negron, Head of the Youth Department and chief organizer for this annual fundraising event.

While the scoreboard at the final buzzer showed the KISS Kards the

winners by one slim point, New Community Youth were the real winners in this exciting game — over \$400 was raised that night as approximately 200 people witnessed and enjoyed the game.

The Youth Department would like to thank all who contributed in any way to help put on this event. We would especially like to thank **Harvey Horowitz** of **Newark Health and Fitness** for the donation of the game shirts, **Anthony Bunn** of **City National Bank**, and **New Jersey Bell** for their contributions. We know we could not have done this without you, and all of our young people thank you.



Valentine Gifts With Love

St. Rose of Lima School students made valentines and gifts for residents of the New Community Extended Care Facility this month. The valentines were most unique and the gifts were made with love and pride.

Some classes made valentines in very odd shapes and decorated them with lollipops, flowers and pictures. Paper plate valentines held hard candy. Some students carved valentines from bars of soap. Other students made scrolls on which they wrote loving messages.

The sixth grade class found rocks, painted them, and decorated them with hearts. The fifth graders made red roses out of crepe paper and the seventh graders made vases for the roses out of small soda bottles and hand painted them.

When Valentine's Day came, Sister Clare Terrance O.S.P. took a group of students over to the Extended Care Facility. They gave out the valentines and gifts to the residents at the Extended Care Valentine party. The day was most rewarding for the students because the elderly recipients of their gifts and valentines showed their appreciation immediately with big smiles and thank-yous.

Sister Clare Terrance, O.S.P.

In Memory Of Famous Blacks

On February 23rd, the third grade class presented their play in celebration of Black History Month. The play was entitled "People in Black History Alive in Us."

Some children recited poems, others portrayed famous black persons and

Almumin Bell - Poem about Jackie Robinson
Raquan Loyd - Jackie Robinson
Tracey Marcus - Wilma Rudolph
Altovise Green - Ella Fitzgerald
Lanair Sweeting - Marion Anderson
Jacqueleen Bido - Billie Holiday



Corey Uzell played the role of Richard Wright at the special program.

everyone sang songs. There were writers, athletes, singers, musicians, educators and others represented.

Participants and their roles were:

Corey Uzzell - Richard Wright
Phyllis Wheatley - Jasmine Mays
Bani Smith - Poem **Color** by Langston Hughes
Raheen Etienne - Poem **Words like Freedom** by Langston Hughes
Olasewo Oyelola - Poem **Still Here** by Langston Hughes
Shenika Edmunds - Poem about George W. Carver
Nkomyeasua Okoh - Jesse Owens

Jenelle George - Mahalia Jackson
Henry Anderson - Louis Armstrong
David Solimon - Duke Ellington
Lekecha Jefferson - Poem about Mary McLeod Bethune
Monique Nemorin - Mary McLeod Bethune
Suneh Web - Harriet Tukman
Al-Bilal Wilson - Dr. Charles Drew
Kamal Frazier - Jesse Jackson
Quiana James - Rosa Parks
Gregory Stewart - Poem about Dr. Martin Luther King
Sean Branch who portrayed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave an

Why A Chinese Auction?

An event such as a Chinese Auction consumes the time each Spring of a great number of people — people who have many demands on their time. Yet each year they are faithfully with us. New Community Network has started again.

Why?

Perhaps it is because many of them have experienced for themselves the advantages of a solid education provided by St. Rose of Lima School. Or some may have children whose futures depend on the quality of education provided by this alternative school in Newark which has been making a difference in people's lives since 1891. The Chinese Auction is the main source of funding for the school.

St. Rose of Lima is a parish school which creates an atmosphere in which Christianity is a way of life, and encourages each child to develop his/her spiritual, intellectual, social and physical potential. It is an atmosphere where mutual respect and a high regard for human rights prevail.

St. Rose is dedicated to fostering freedom and justice in its curriculum as well as its interpersonal dynamics, with attention given to the unique potential of the individual.

Degrees in Education

The faculty at St. Rose have excellent degrees in education. There is on-going staff development at the school and a commitment to ex-

cellence by dedicated teachers. A value-centered education is offered.

Academics are of prime importance but the fact that we do not live our lives in isolation is also given attention. An outreach program into the community gives the older students an opportunity to work as volunteers at the NC Extended Care Facility, become Babyland helpers, Senior Citizen Aides and Mission helpers.

Field trips which are purposeful, well coordinated and enriching are highlights for the students.

An after-school program for grades K-8 acknowledges the needs of parents to know their children are safe while parents are working, and extends from 2:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It offers recreation, arts and crafts and tutoring with homework, along with a refreshing afternoon snack.

In order to keep tuition for the school at a reasonable level, **EVENTS** such as the **CHINESE AUCTION** are a **MUST**.

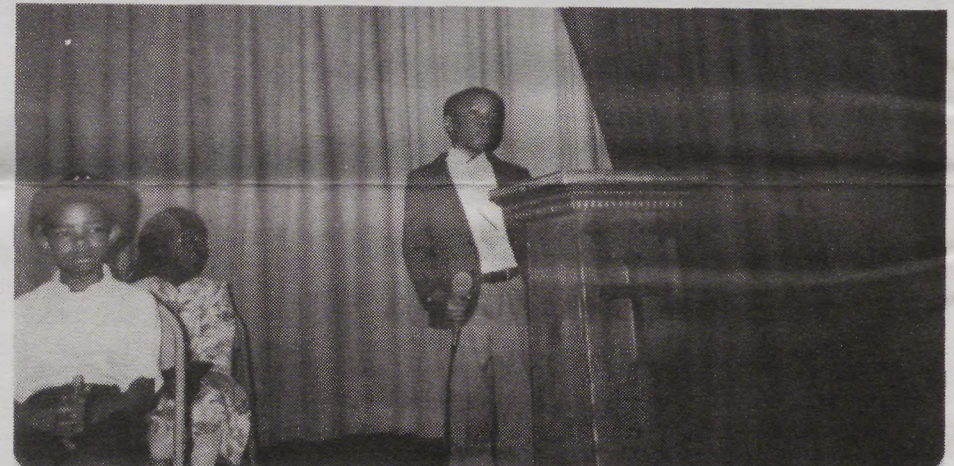
In truth, the night is a misnomer, for the atmosphere is one of festival, and the auction part a simple choice of which of the \$20,000.00 in prizes you would like to use your tickets on.

We invite you all to join in the merriment for such a good cause.

It is Saturday, April 29, 1989 at Roselle Catholic High School. Donation is \$20.00. For tickets call 482-0682. Bring your families. Reserve your tables.

outstanding performance reading the famous speech in entirety. The audience roared with applause at the conclusion.

In helping to make the play a success I would like to thank Mrs. Emily Ross, our music directress, Mrs. Linda Blackwell, our Kindergarten



Third grader Sean Branch portrayed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the St. Rose of Lima School play.

Preparing for the play was exciting. It was also a wonderful experience for the children; they were able to know and understand why we celebrate Black History.

teacher who videotaped the program and a special thanks to the third grade parents for their cooperation.

Whitney Turner
Third Grade Teacher

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